

County of Warwick Archery Association
Executive Committee Meeting
held on 9th April 2009
at the Old Leamingtonians RFC, Bericote Road, Leamington Spa

Present: Denis Folkard, Kathy Folkard, Pete Hunnisett, Derek Kelly, Dave Redding, Jon Richmond, James Scott, Brian Tustin, Bob Watson and Roger Wyton.

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from James Folkard, Graham Maccro, and John Taylor (MBE).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2009 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Item 16.3 – Kathy Folkard confirmed that she had written to Kings Heath Archers and Bowmen of Swanshurst in January to point out GNAS Law 12 and the possible implications with regard to insurance cover, and that she had sent copies to the GNAS office. In a letter of 16th February GNAS said that, when replies are received from the clubs, it would advise on how to take the matter forward. However, Kathy said that she had not received a response from either club. It was agreed that Kathy should advise the GNAS accordingly and suggest that it is now up to the GNAS to take what action it considers appropriate. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**

4. Correspondence

4.1 Kathy Folkard said that she had received the paperwork for the GNAS AGM on 18th April, and pointed out that the AGM would be followed after lunch by a conference.

4.2 Kathy said that she had circulated by e-mail the documents regarding the election of GNAS committee members and chairmen, and that she had completed and returned the voting slips in line with the few responses received.

4.3 It was reported that WH Darby have notified us that they are reluctantly increasing their prices by 3%.

4.4 A request from Peter and Lesley Ricks to purchase a CWAA blazer badge at cost was agreed. The badge is required to form part of a display based on Robin Hood's Tree in Sherwood Forest for the Essex Army Cadet Force who have an archery programme. It was considered that this was a special case which justified the sale of a badge.

5. CWAA Tournaments

5.1 It was confirmed that the **CWAA Junior (Outdoor) Championships** would again be held at Leamington in conjunction with the Leamington & Midland Counties Meeting on 31st May.

5.2 It was reported that the **CWAA (Outdoor) Championships** will be held at Leamington on 30th August, and that the tournament organiser, Dawn Leide, would produce an entry form shortly.

5.3 It was confirmed that the **CWAA Clout Championships** would be organised again by Bowflights, on 6th September, and that unfortunately it would clash with Meriden's Double FITA Star.

5.4 Jon Richmond outlined alternative venues for the **CWAA Indoor Championships 2010**: Warwick University on 3rd January (provisionally booked) or the Harry Mitchell Centre, Warley on 31st January (not yet booked). It was pointed out that, although the cost of hire at Warwick would be less than Warley, suitable bosses were not readily available, and that the large contingent of Worcestershire archers who normally enter would be more likely to go to the 25m FITA tournament normally held by Stourbridge C of A on this date. On balance it was considered preferable to keep the Championships at Warley, and it was therefore agreed that Jon should proceed with the booking and apply for national record status. It was also agreed that the entry fee should be increased to £10 to cover the costs. **(Action: Jon Richmond)**

5.5 Jon said that he had spoken to Meriden AC and understood that it would be possible to hold the **CWAA Field Championships** at the Meriden ground. After some discussion it was agreed that the shoot should revert to March and that the next event should be in March 2010. It was agreed that Jon would discuss the organisation and financial arrangements with Meriden. **(Action: Jon Richmond)**

5.6 Derek Kelly confirmed that Quantum is intending to hold its first open shoot, a Windsor, on 31st August, with a view to taking on next year's (Outdoor) Championships.

6. County Coaching Officer's Report

6.1 Dave Redding reported that the County Coaching Organisation had held a poorly attended **AGM** on 5th March, and that Alan Pritchard was again reelected as CCO, with Dave himself Secretary and Treasurer.

6.2 **Joint Worcestershire/Warwickshire coaching events** were held in March: a coaching seminar on 7th, and seminar with Simon Needham on 21st/22nd. There was low attendance by Warwickshire coaches at both events.

- 6.3 With regard to a **Level 2 Course** Dave said that he currently has no willing and qualified assistant to enable him run a course in Warwickshire. He suggested that it may be possible to join with another county, and said that he was also looking at the possibility of an intensive one week course.
- 6.4 Dave said that he had received 8 requests for a **Level 1 Course**, but that again he had no suitable helper at present. **(Action: Dave Redding)**

7. Treasurer's Report

- 7.1 Roger Wyton had referred to a previously circulated receipts and payments account for the quarter, showing a surplus for the period of £192.21, and approximately £11,000 of banked assets. However, a bill for County team medals of £428 (approx) was presented at the meeting.
- 7.2 The possibility of an alternative bank account to increase investment income was suggested, but Roger said that it was not worth investigating this in the present economic situation.

8. Records Officer's Report

- 8.1 It was understood from James Folkard that he has very recently received some new claims, and that he will shortly circulate the details of all this quarter's claims by e-mail.

9. Team Manager's Report

- 9.1 James Scott reported that the pre-season FITA had taken place at Meriden on 5th April. It was well attended, with a good mix of ages and bow types, and there were some excellent scores. There was some discussion regarding the cost of the event, which included a charge for bosses and target faces of £304.50. It was agreed that in view of the increasing costs of the event, it would be appropriate in future to make a modest shooting charge.
- 9.2 James outlined his ideas for the coming year, which included 6 squad days, possibly with a weekend at Lilleshall or Brize Norton. He said that Clive Jeacock was prepared to be involved with the planning and organisation, and that he hoped to involve others such as Tony Luff and Carol Byde (with the juniors), Garry Fowler (with compounds) and Steve Hallard (recurves). He intends to talk to Worcestershire regarding combined events which would keep costs down. He also hopes to visit clubs. With regard to encouraging juniors it was agreed that James should investigate suitable 't'-shirts.
- 9.3 With regard to the county squad sessions held this year at Leamington, Kathy Folkard said that there would be no charge for the first session, but that a charge of £30 (£3 per head) would be made for the second.
- 9.4 James Scott said that the first county match to be held in Cheshire, without record status, clashes with the Evesham Olympic round tournament, a National Series competition. It was agreed that if possible, he should try to get the date of the match changed. **(Action: James Scott)**

10 Public Relations, Web site and Communications

- 10.1 There was nothing of moment to report.

11. WMAS Delegates Report

- 11.1 Denis Folkard reported that he had attended the WMAS AGM and Council Meeting at Longbridge on the 17th March together with Kathy Folkard (CWAA representative) and John Taylor (WMAS President).
- 11.2 The main points of interest were:
- The financial position of WMAS is healthy, and there is to be no increase in the WMAS affiliation fees.
 - Ruth Field understands that a revised Child Protection Policy, produced by GNAS, is to be publicised shortly. All clubs will be required to adopt it, but new systems are to be put in place to provide better support.
 - Linda Haynes was reappointed to the chair, and Brenda Thomas replaced Phil Ravenscroft as secretary, and Alan Logan was elected as Vice-President.
 - It was agreed that the WMAS Championships, which were to be combined with the Shropshire Championships on the 13th September at Telford, would now be combined with the Worcestershire Championships run by Wyre Forest on 2nd August. This is because the 13th September is also the date of the Staffordshire Championships.
 - It was agreed that WMAS would pay the entry fees for the West midlands juniors shooting against the East Midlands on 14th June (£230 approx.).

12. CWAA Summer League

- 12.1 Kathy Folkard reported that she had received just three entries to this year's summer league competition – from Coventry, Leamington and Sutton Coldfield.

13. Child Protection

- 13.1 Jon Richmond confirmed that he is still awaiting the revised policy etc from GNAS.
- 13.2 It was agreed that there is a need to clarify the position with regard to supervision of juniors, and to ensure that parental/guardian consents is obtained as appropriate, at county squad sessions.

14. Date of Next Meeting

14.1 The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd July at Leamington.

(Action: Kathy Folkard)

15 Any Other Business

15.1 Dave Redding asked what levels of grant were available from CWAA for completion of coach courses. It was confirmed that consideration would be given to any requests for financial assistance, but that all applications would be considered on their merits.

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